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2 **SUB 3 to 2016 RES-572**
3 **AMENDING THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET TO ENHANCE**
4 **CITIZENSHIP ASSISTANCE SERVICES**

5 Thousands of immigrants in Dane County are eligible for citizenship but lack the resources to
6 navigate the process. Dane County has proposed a program to help direct and
7 connect them to resources in the community that will enable them to succeed and give them a
8 fair shot at realizing the American Dream.

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10 Since the election of President Trump, community organizations have received a significant
11 increase in requests for legal assistance to pursue citizenship and have reached out to the
12 county for assistance. This resolution establishes an immigration assistance fund to be
13 administered by the Madison Community Foundation. It is hoped that the initial funding in the
14 amount of \$150,000 from the County will be matched by additional funds from the community.
15 Funding is transferred from the General Fund, realizing that the end of year 2016 fund balance
16 for the Department of Human Services was significantly more than anticipated during 2017
17 budget deliberations.

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19 In support of enacting a community-driven initiative, the county has reached out to legal
20 services providers to immigrants and this resolution incorporates their ideas for an effective
21 approach to emergency immigration assistance. A collaborative group of legal services
22 providers will work with the Madison Community Foundation in development of the
23 disbursement structure of funds. The legal services providers making up this collaborative
24 partnership are:

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26 The Catholic Multicultural Center
27 Centro Hispano of Dane County
28 Community Immigration Law Center (CILC)
29 RISE Law Center
30 Jewish Social Services
31 Literacy Network
32 Madison Path to Citizenship, and
33 UW-Law School Immigration Justice Center
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35 While immediate action is essential as a result of federal actions, Dane County must develop a
36 long-term approach to support the immigrant community. Working together, the Department of
37 Administration, the Department of Human Services, and the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity
38 and Inclusion should complete research on best practices for the county's role in supporting
39 immigrants in our community and report to the County Executive, the Health and Human Needs
40 Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Personnel and Finance Committee by July 15,
41 2017 with proposals that can be considered as part of the 2018 budget.

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43 NOW THEREFORE BE It RESOLVED that \$150,000 be transferred from the General Fund to
44 the Department of Human Services.

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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following line item be added to the 2017 operating
47 budget: HSADMIN-NEW "Immigration Assistance Fund" \$150,000

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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Immigration Assistance Fund be allocated to the
50 Madison Community Foundation, which will work with a collaborative partnership of legal
51 services providers to immigrants to fundraise and to disburse the funds.

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 53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legal services providers identified above must submit to
 54 Dane County an agreement among themselves establishing a collaborative partnership and
 55 advisory board for use and governance of the fund, including a plan for governance of
 56 disbursements from the fund to the legal services providers. The plan should include
 57 disbursements from the fund for direct services or education related to the following areas:
 58 Asylum Applications, Adjustment of Status for Refugees and Asylees, Violence Against Women
 59 Act self-petitions, U Visas, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applications,
 60 Naturalization applications, T Visas, Immigrant Visa Petitions, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
 61 (SIJS) applications, Withholding of Removal or Convention Against Torture, Undocumented
 62 Cancellation of Removal, Permanent Resident Cancellation of Removal, and other deportation
 63 defense. Quarterly reports will be made to the County Executive, the Director of the Tamara D.
 64 Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion, the Director of Human Services, and the County Board.

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 66 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that, should Dane County be selected to be part of the Vera
 67 Institute of Justice National Network of Local Leaders Keeping Families Together and
 68 Communities Strong and Safe, then the Vera Institute will provide technical assistance and work
 69 with the advisory board to distribute the funds in an impartial and equitable manner, taking into
 70 consideration highest needs in the community, and will also assist in development of a
 71 management approach; if not selected as part of the Vera Institute initiative, Dane County
 72 Department of Human Services will work with the advisory board to determine an equitable plan
 73 for fund disbursement including an application process with a neutral party making funding
 74 decisions.

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 76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon receipt of a plan as specified above and approval by
 77 the Health and Human Needs Committee and the Personnel and Finance Committee, the
 78 county will transfer governance of the fund to the provider collaborative partnership.

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 80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a new 1.0 FTE
 81 "Immigration Ombudsman" bilingual case manager position be created in the Joining Forces for
 82 Families program of the Human Services Department with a June 1, 2017 start date to serve as
 83 a direct service provider to the immigrant community in Dane County, and the following
 84 transfers be made within the Human Services Department operating budget to reflect salary
 85 savings realized in 2017 from vacant positions and to reflect the cost of the new position.

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HSADMIN	AAYAAA	SALARIES & WAGES	(12,500)
HSADMIN	AAYMAA	RETIREMENT FUND	(1,000)
HSADMIN	AAYPAA	SOCIAL SECURITY	(900)
HSADMIN	AAYSAA	HEALTH	(4,100)
HSADMIN	AAZBAA	DENTAL	(300)
HSADMIN	AAZHAA	DISABILITY INSURANCE	(100)
HSADMIN	AAZXAA	SALARY SAVINGS	250
ACAADMI	AAYAAA	SALARIES & WAGES	(17,500)
ACAADMI	AAYMAA	RETIREMENT FUND	(1,400)
ACAADMI	AAYPAA	SOCIAL SECURITY	(1,300)
ACAADMI	AAYSAA	HEALTH	(4,100)
ACAADMI	AAZBAA	DENTAL	(400)
ACAADMI	AAZHAA	DISABILITY INSURANCE	(100)
ACAADMI	AAZXAA	SALARY SAVINGS	350
CYFDSSI	AAYAAA	SALARIES & WAGES	27,700
CYFDSSI	AAYMAA	RETIREMENT FUND	2,200
CYFDSSI	AAYPAA	SOCIAL SECURITY	2,100

CYFDSSI	AAYSAA	HEALTH	10,700
CYFDSSI	AAZBAA	DENTAL	900
CYFDSSI	AAZHAA	DISABILITY INSURANCE	100
CYFDSSI	AAZXAA	SALARY SAVINGS	(600)

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, working together, the Department of Administration, Department of Human Services and the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion should complete research on best practices for the county's role in supporting immigrants in our community and report to the County Executive, the Health and Human Needs Committee, the Executive Committee and the Personnel and Finance Committee by July 15, 2017 with proposals that can be considered as part of the 2018 budget. These recommendations shall include proposals for partnering with the City of Madison on Immigration Assistance.

Explanation of the Substitute Amendment:

Due to the immediate and growing need for immigration services in Dane County and the shortage of funds for front-line immigration services, this substitute amendment creates a 1.0 FTE Joining forces for Families position beginning June 1, 2017 as well as an Immigration Assistance Fund at the Madison Community Foundation is seeded with \$150,000.

In addition, the Sub to Res 572 also:

- Transfers funds from the General Fund for the Immigration Assistance Fund, in recognition of the Department of Human Services' return of funds in excess of \$150,000 to the General Fund at the end of 2016,*
- Defines services for which the funds may be used based on input from front-line immigration service providers.*
- Recognizes the potential involvement of the Vera Institute of Justice, a nationally recognized research and technical support organization dedicated to fairness, safety, and strong communities*
- Establishes a process for transferring responsibilities of fund governance from the County to a collaboration of immigration service providers.*